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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/9/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5, 14, 6-9, 11-13, 19, 21-23, 25, 26, 32-36, 38, and 40 (renumbered 1-22, respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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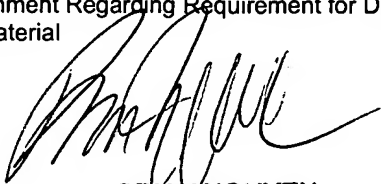
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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9. ☐ Other _____.


BRIAN NGUYEN
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Mauri on 10/2/06.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 13. A method comprising:

initiating a transition ~~by a base station~~ from a Control Hold Mode of a reverse link packet data channel for communication between a base station and ~~the~~ a mobile station to an active state of the reverse link packet data channel by sending a transition mode request from the base station to the mobile station;

setting an extended message type identifier indicating that the mobile station is to exit the Control Hold Mode;

further initiating the ~~mode~~ transition by sending a medium access control identification code by the base station via a Forward Packet Data Control Channel to the mobile station;

turning on a Reverse Channel Quality Indication Channel and a Reverse Acknowledgement Channel by the mobile station;

monitoring the Forward Packet Data Control Channel; and

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transitioning the mobile station to the active state of the reverse link packet data channel, wherein the mobile station transmits on the reverse link packet data channel in the active state of the reverse link packet data channel.

Claim 19. A method comprising:

assigning medium access control identification codes (MAC_IDs) from a MAC_ID space to each of a first group of a plurality of mobile stations in an ascending order from the MAC_ID space, wherein the plurality of mobile stations communicate with an apparatus; and

assigning MAC_IDs to each of a second group of the plurality of mobile stations in a descending order from the MAC_ID space,

wherein the first group of mobile stations use at least a reverse link channel to communicate with the apparatus and the second group of mobile stations use a forward link channel to communicate with the apparatus.

Claim 20 (Canceled)

Claim 22. A method comprising:

assigning medium access control identification codes (MAC_IDs) from a MAC_ID space to each of a first group of a plurality of mobile stations in an ascending order from the MAC_ID space, wherein the plurality of mobile stations communicate with an apparatus; and

assigning MAC_IDs to each of a second group of the plurality of mobile stations in a descending order from the MAC_ID space, wherein the MAC_IDs for the first and second groups of mobile stations are reserved in first and second blocks, respectively, and wherein mobile stations having MAC_IDs in the first block monitor a first bitmap field in a channel from

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the apparatus to the plurality of mobile stations and mobile stations having MAC_IDs in the second block monitor a second bitmap ~~filed~~ field in the channel.

Claim 23. A ~~signal-bearing~~ computer-readable medium tangibly embodying a program of ~~machine-readable~~ computer-executable instructions executable by a network device to perform operations comprising:

assigning medium access control identification codes (MAC_IDs) from a MAC_ID space to each of a first group of a plurality of mobile stations in an ascending order from the MAC_ID space, wherein the plurality of mobile stations communicate with an apparatus; and

assigning MAC_IDs to each of a second group of the plurality of mobile stations in a descending order from the MAC_ID space,

wherein the first group of mobile stations use at least a reverse link channel to communicate with the apparatus and the second group of mobile stations use a forward link channel to communicate with the apparatus.

Claim 24 (Canceled)

Claim 25. A ~~signal-bearing~~ computer-readable medium as in claim 23, wherein the first group of mobile stations use a first acknowledgement channel, and the second group of mobile stations use a second acknowledgement channel.

Claim 26. A ~~signal-bearing~~ computer-readable medium tangibly embodying a program of ~~machine-readable~~ computer-executable instructions executable by a network device to perform operations comprising:

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assigning medium access control identification codes (MAC_IDs) from a MAC_ID space to each of a first group of a plurality of mobile stations in an ascending order from the MAC_ID space, wherein the plurality of mobile stations communicate with an apparatus; and

assigning MAC_IDs to each of a second group of the plurality of mobile stations in a descending order from the MAC_ID space, wherein the MAC_IDs for the first and second groups of mobile stations are reserved in first and second blocks, respectively, and wherein mobile stations having MAC_IDs in the first block monitor a first bitmap field in a channel from the apparatus to the plurality of mobile stations and mobile stations having MAC_IDs in the second block monitor a second bitmap ~~field~~ field in the channel.

Claim 32. A ~~signal-bearing~~ computer-readable medium tangibly embodying a program of ~~machine-readable~~ computer-executable instructions executable by a mobile station to perform operations comprising:

sending a transition mode request to a wireless network to initiate a transition by the mobile station from a Control Hold Mode of a reverse link packet data channel to an active state of the reverse link packet data channel;

turning on a rate request channel;

requesting a reverse link packet data channel transmission;

monitoring a rate grant channel;

in response to a reception of an individual grant from the wireless network, transitioning to the active state of the reverse link packet data channel in response to receipt of the grant;

initiating transmission on the reverse link packet data channel in autonomous mode; and,

monitoring a Forward Acknowledgement Channel.

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Claim 33. The ~~signal-bearing~~computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein the reverse link packet data channel is in operation without an assigned Forward Packet Data Channel.

Claim 34. The ~~signal-bearing~~computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the operations further comprise:

gating a reverse pilot and a reverse rate request channel;

stopping transmission on the Forward Acknowledgement Channel;

stopping monitoring of the reverse link packet data channel; and

transitioning to the Control Hold Mode for the reverse link packet data channel.

Claim 35. The ~~signal-bearing~~computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein the reverse link packet data channel is in operation with an assigned Forward Packet Data Channel, and wherein the operations further comprise:

commencing continuous transmission on a reverse channel quality indication channel;

turning on a reverse acknowledgement channel; and,

commencing monitoring of the assigned Forward Packet Data Control Channel.

Claim 36. The ~~signal-bearing~~computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the mobile station responds to a received signal to control transition by the mobile station from the active state of the reverse link packet data channel into the Control Hold Mode of the reverse link packet data channel.

Claim 38. An apparatus comprising:

means for assigning medium access control identification codes (MAC_IDs) from a MAC_ID space to each of a first group of a plurality of mobile stations in an ascending order

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from the MAC_ID space, wherein the plurality of mobile stations communicate with the apparatus; and

means for assigning MAC_IDs to each of a second group of the plurality of mobile stations in a descending order from the MAC_ID space,

wherein the first group of mobile stations use at least a reverse link channel to communicate with the apparatus and the second group of mobile stations use a forward link channel to communicate with the apparatus.

Claim 39 (canceled)

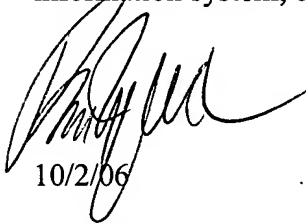
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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3084. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-6:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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